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Greetings Security Committee

Please find attached the agenda for this Wednesday's meeting, March 9 at 10 a.m. at the BID headquarters.

I've also attached the meeting notes from January (the February meeting was cancelled).

Look forward to seeing you - please RSVP to Lorin at to your attendance

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Many thanks

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Agenda
Sunset-Vine BID and Hollywood Entertainment District
Joint Security Committee
Wednesday, March 9, 2016
10:00 am. To 11:30 a.m.
LOCATION: HPOA/CHC Staff Office
6562 Hollywood Blvd

HED Committee Members: John Tronson, chair; Brian Johnson, Galo Medina, Carol Massie, Derrick Malec, Chad Lewis, Frank Babich, George Younan

SVBID Committee Members: Fred Rosenthal, chair; Fabio Conti, Elizabeth McDonald, Anthony Bell, Lea Clement

Advisory Members: Captain Cory Palka, Senior Lead Officers Danny Pesqueira, Irv Isabella, LAPD; Jackie Lawson, Office of the Neighborhood Prosecutor; Deputy Gary DeBondt, LACO Sheriff; Lt. Michael Mendoza, LA County Sheriff Metro Patrol; Dan Halden, CD 13; Bill Farrar, Steve Seyler, Joe Salazar, and Mike Harkins, Andrews International Security.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Public Comment
- III. Meeting notes
 - January 13, 2016
- IV. New Business
 - A. Preparations for BID Renewal
 - a. Discussion re/ expansion of services in the new BID
 - b. Pros and cons of a merged BID with multiple zones of benefit
 - c. Budget set-asides for special investments: e.g., public safety camera system, koban or kiosks; targeted homeless outreach/engagement
 - B. Branding of BID on uniforms and vehicles
- V. Reports
 - A. Report from Andrews International
 - B. Partner reports - trends and observations for February
 - 1. LAPD
 - 2. L.A. County Sheriff/Red Line
 - 3. CD-13
- VI. Old Business
- VII. Adjourn

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Sunset & Vine BID
Hollywood Entertainment District BID*

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Committee Notes – Joint Meeting

Security Committee- Hollywood Entertainment District, Sunset and Vine BID

January 13, 2015

6562 Hollywood Blvd

Attendance: **HED Committee Members present:** John Tronson, Carol Massie, Monica Yamada. Not present: Frank Babitch, Derrick Malec, Chad Lewis. **SVBID Committee Members present:** Fred Rosenthal, Fabio Conti. Not present: Elizabeth McDonald, Anthony Bell. **Liaisons:** Joe Salazar, Bill Farrar, Steve Seyler, Andrews International. Captain Pete Zarcone, LAPD. Aily Xie, Gary De Bondt, LA County Sherriff. **Staff:** Kerry Morrison, Joseph Mariani. **Guests:** George Younan, property owner, Gail Bleckman, community member.

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by John Tronson at 10:10 a.m.
- II. Public Comment: Gail Bleckman, resident from Whitley, shared her concerns with the increase in drug-related crime in the neighborhood. She has started a grass-roots initiative called “Drop the Prop” to address the fall-out from the passage of Prop 47 in November, 2014.
- III. Meeting Notes: The meeting notes for November 11 were distributed to the committee. Any changes should be referred to staff.
- IV. New Business
 - A. Staff update on current issues
 1. Consideration of a night-time security patrol: A discussion was held regarding the desire by LAPD to see greater BID resources devoted at night to a patrol presence. Crime stats for 2015 were distributed which showed an increase in robberies and aggravated assaults between the hours of 6 p.m. and 4 a.m. Staff had prepared an analysis to show the committee:
 - Increase in radio calls into the BID security headquarters during the daytime patrol hours (6 a.m. to 8 p.m.) to over 6,000 in the past year (an increase of xx percent since the BID patrol started in 2007).
 - Cost of re-deploying officer hours to the recommended schedule of 4 officers and one supervisor from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. three nights a week.
 - A potential schedule that would accommodate this redeployment, which would eliminate the 6 a.m. early morning patrol five days a week.

A robust discussion followed. The Committee expressed a reluctance to see a diminution of the early morning patrol because of how it is valued by businesses and property owners. Ultimately, staff was asked to confer with Andrews to look at another option which might result in a thinner deployment at mid-day, in order to capture the savings needed to fund the late-night shifts. Morrison advised that under any arrangement where day-time patrol is reduced, a communication would need to go to property owners advising of the shift in deployment, and providing instructions on who to call for service (e.g., 911 for an emergency or 1-800-ASK-LAPD for non-emergency calls.) Tronson indicated that this would ultimately be a decision of the HPOA Board of Directors; the Security Committee is only advisory. The new analysis of a non-early morning option will be prepared for consideration of the board of directors that meets on January 21.

B. Report on Administrative Code Enforcement Program (ACE).

Rita Venegas, supervising attorney for the city’s ACE program, and her colleague, Lilliana, reported on the program which was adopted by the city council in 2013 (though not fully implemented in the field until 2015). The program allows LAPD and Animal Services to issue citations for violations to the municipal code. Prior to ACE, there were approximately 25,000 violations of the municipal code each year, but only 11 percent went to court. Therefore, laws continued to be broken because there was little enforcement.

The types of violations most commonly cited by ACE include: open containers, drinking in public, urination, loud music, illegal vending, skateboarding on sidewalks and fireworks.

To date, approximately 3,000 citations have been issued in the city; 673 in Hollywood Division. Fines are levied, and in most instances, they are paid. It has proved to be an effective tool to enforce these quality of life crimes.

There are discussions as to whether more entities could be “deputized” to issue the citations. The committee expressed a desire to have BID Patrol authorized to issue ACE citations. Skateboarding on the public right of way was an example cited where this could make a difference.

V. PARTNER REPORTS

A. Andrews International: Steve Seyler distributed his report for the period 10-26-15 through 12-31-15. He pointed out that the year ended with 6,081 calls for service, an increase of 287% over the first year that Andrews began patrolling both BIDs. He summarized some of the changes over the past year, including the addition of a dispatcher, which has allowed him and his Assistant Director, Joe Salazar, to be more present in the community and involved in problem solving. This year, the two of them attended 207 meetings (an increase of 38 percent over the prior year). This helps to extend the reach of the BID in the community. Seyler proceeded to share some of the highlights associated with assistance to homeless individuals encountered in the BID and enforcement efforts.

B. Report from LAPD: Because LAPD reported during New Business, there was no additional report.

C. LA County Sheriff: Representatives from the LACO Sheriff had nothing significant to report.

VI. Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10, 2016.

VII. Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

